

## **SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW**

### **Of the Critical Injury of a Youth in the Care of the Director**

#### Circumstances of the Critical Injury

The review examined the case files of an Indigenous youth who was critically injured while in the care of the director. The director was providing guardianship services to the youth at the time of their critical injury.

#### Findings

The director responded in a timely manner to address the youth's guardianship needs and, in collaboration with others, developed a plan for the youth to reside with their extended family. The youth's Indigenous community was not included in the planning, and the assessment of whether the youth's placement could provide for their safety and well-being was incomplete.

Prior to the case review being finalized, the director engaged with representatives of the youth's Indigenous community in planning, and the youth was moved to a placement approved by the director.

#### Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to provide training to staff related to the policies and procedures for screening Out of Care placements, and the best practices for planning with Indigenous children and youth, particularly in regard to engagement with Indigenous communities.

**The review was completed in November 2020. The above action plan is due for full implementation in January 2021.**